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- According to the DIA, about 11,000,000 rubles, (equal to about 5,000,000 east marks), were allotted to the State Secretariat for Material Procurement of the State Plan Commission for 1952 imports. The import plan, which was finished at the end of February 1952 in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and Mrs. (fmu) Ironer of the State Secretariat for Chemicals/Stones and Earths, included all the requirements of the nationalized industries and the Ministry of Health, but amounted to 13,000,000 east marks.
- Of the 11,000,000 rubles allotted to Material Procurement, the following amounts had to be imported from the following countries in accordance with DIA directives:

Hungary	4,500,000 rubles
Czechoslovakia	420,000 "
Bulgaria	367,000 "
USSR	532,148 "
China	34,400 "
Sweden	77,200 "
Norway	<u>400,000</u> "
	<u>6,330,748</u> rubles

To this sum the following was added:

Dental and pharmaceutical products	100,000 rubles
Veterinary medicines	300,000 "
Reserves	1,200,000 "
Remaining from 1951	1,419,037 "
Contracts already concluded in 1952	978,000 "
Chenepha contracts with Western Germany	<u>263,701</u> "
	<u>4,260,738</u> rubles

These two sums total 10,591,486 rubles, about 4£1,000 rubles (about 400,000 east marks) less than the amount allotted.

- After a discussion with Material Procurement, (fmu) Koulend of the Ministry

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of Internal German Trade and Foreign Trade agreed to seek to reduce the sum of 4,500,000 rubles, a road upon for veterinary medicines and drugs in the trade agreement with Hungary, by 2,000,000 rubles. An attempt would be made to reduce it by at least 926,000 rubles, because Hungary could not deliver the goods originally planned in this amount.

4. The sum of 367,000 rubles called for in the agreement with Bulgaria could no longer be charged. This agreement, for unknown reasons, had to be carried out by the Ministry for Internal German Trade and Foreign Trade. This agreement provided only for drugs and contained plan position numbers, which were of no interest to Internal Procurement, such as twenty tons of stramonium leaves, one ton of colchicum seed, five tons of stramonium seed and ten tons of fructus foeniculi (fennel).
5. An agreement had not yet been concluded with Rumania.
6. It was revealed that the limit of 9,000,000 east rubles could possibly be exceeded by as much as 20 percent without causing any repercussions. From another side it was revealed that the import plan was to be cut by 950,000 rubles. If this cut were retained, there would still be 10,350,000 rubles available. After subtracting the approved imports mentioned above, this sum would be completely exhausted. An additional amount of around 5,000,000 rubles was required for imports, if the essential requirements of industry and the Ministry of Health were to be met. The Ministry, in conjunction with Stones and Earths, was going to prod the Plan Commission to obtain the additional sum.

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1. [ ] Comment. The state secretariat referred to has been reported as the State Secretariat for Chemicals and Building Materials, the State Secretariat for Chemicals and the State Secretariat for Stones and Earths; it was established after the dissolution of the Ministry for Heavy Industry.